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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON NARCOTICS MATTERS
BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GOV REQUESTED REFTEL.

"MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS PARTIES TO THE SINGLE CONVENTION OF 1961
ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND AS SIGNATORIES OF THE AMENDING PROTOCOL OF
1972, IN CONFORMITY WITH EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON THE
CONTROL OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE UNLAWFUL TRAFFIC OF THE SAME,
HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

"1. TO REAFFIRM THEIR DECISION TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER, AND
WITH OTHER NATIONS AS WELL, IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY IN THE ELIMINATION
OF THE UNLAWFUL USE AND THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN AND SMUGGLING OF
NARCOTICS AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS BY MEANS OF THE PREVENTION,
PROHIBITION AND SUPPRESSION OF SAME, PROVIDING FOR THE SWIFT APPRE-
HENSION AND EXTRADITION, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OF PERSONS SO INVOLVED.

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"2. TO COOPERATE AS SIGNATORIES OF THE PRESENT MEMORANDUM IN ALL
ASPECTS OF PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION, AND REHABILITATION RELATED
TO THE IMPROPER USE OF DRUGS AND IN SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL TRAFFICK-
ING OF THE SAME.

"E. IN CARRYING OUT THE TERMS OF THE TWO PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS, BOTH
PARTIES WILL ESTABLISH A MIXED COMMISSION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS

APPOINTED AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVES BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ONE OF THE MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY VENEZUELA WILL BE THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER WHO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN AND COORDINATOR OF THE VENEZUELAN COMMISSION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

"4. THE COMMISSION SHALL BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CARACAS, REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND SHALL MEET MONTHLY, OR AS OFTEN AS SHALL BE MUTUALLY AGREED.

"5. THE COOPERATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 SHALL CONSIST OF:

"THE EXCHANGE OF ALL LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT;

"THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC PROGRAMS UNDER VENEZUELAN LEADERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMON OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED

IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2;

"THE GIVING OF SUPPORT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THIS PROGRAM, AND

"THE PARTICIPATION IN OTHER MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS FOR COMBATTING THE UNLAWFUL USE OF THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS.

"SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION MAY INVOLVE:

TRAINING, ADVICE, SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER MUTUALLY AGREED SUPPORT.

"6. IN CARRYING OUT THE TERMS OF THIS MEMORANDUM, BOTH PARTIES SHALL PROVIDE ALL THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT NEEDED TO ACHIEVE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUCCESSFULLY THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 AND ANY AGREED PROGRAMS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS. HOWEVER, SHOULD ANY PARTICULAR PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE VENEZUELAN-UNITED STATES MIXED COMMISSION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS MEMORANDUM BE INITIATED, BOTH PARTIES PLEDGE TO ENDEAVOR TO

CARRY IT OUT SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED FOR THE EXECUTION OF SAME.

"7. THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS MEMORANDUM AGREE THAT THE SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION REFERRED TO HEREIN SHALL BE DECIDED BY THE VENEZUELAN-UNITED STATES COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS MEMORANDUM AND BY ITS SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS. THESE DECISIONS SHALL BE CARRIED OUT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE SIGNATORY STATE IN WHOSE TERRITORY THEY APPLY.

"8. THE MEMORANDUM SHALL COME INTO FORCE AS OF THE DATE OF ITS SIGNING.

"DONE IN THE CITY OF CARACAS, CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, ON THE TWENTY-EIGHT DAY OF THE MONTH OF MARCH OF THE YEAR 1978, IN

TWO ORIGINALS IN THE SPANISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES, BOTH TEXTS BEING
EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

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